

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-50 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

### **Double Patenting Rejection:**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-50 under the judiciary created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of U.S. Patent 6,237,009. Applicants traverse this rejection. However, to expedite prosecution of the present application, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests removal of the double patenting rejection of claims 1-50.

## CONCLUSION

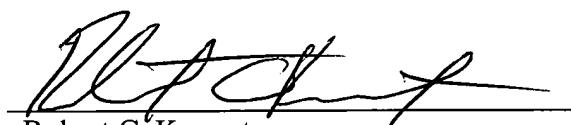
Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above-referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicants hereby petition for such an extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-63600/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- Return Receipt Postcard
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Notice of Change of Address
- Terminal Disclaimer

Respectfully submitted,



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